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ARIZONA SCHOOLS CHIEF TOM HORNE TO RECOGNIZE EXCELLING CHARTER SCHOOLS

Arizona Schools Chief Tom Horne on Friday, October 6, will recognize three local Tucson Charter schools for their excelling performance. Tom Horne will visit the AmeriSchools College Preparatory Academy at 9:20 a.m., the Basis Charter School at 10:00 a.m., and then the Montessori Schoolhouse Charter at 11:30 a.m. This visit is part of the Department's "Spotlight on Success" to focus on schools that have success that other schools can imitate.

The Charter School movement was designed in part to permit experimentation so that others could imitate successful achievements. Some Charter schools have succeeded spectacularly in developing successful models. There has been insufficient public attention on these models so schools can imitate the successes. Part of the purpose of the visit is to focus on the success of these Charter schools.

The Basis Charter School was ranked as the third best high school in the nation by Newsweek magazine, and is an excelling school. The Montessori Charter School is also an excelling school, which means all or almost all students are proficient, and an extraordinarily high percentage of students exceed proficiency in reading, writing and math.

Superintendent Horne will recognize other top charter schools in subsequent trips to Tucson.

**WHO: ARIZONA SCHOOLS CHIEF TOM HORNE TO
RECOGNIZE EXCELLING CHARTER SCHOOLS**

**WHERE/TIME: 9:20 A.M. AMERISCHOOLS COLLEGE PREPATORY
ACADEMY
7444 EAST BROADWAY BOULEVARD
TUCSON, 85710
520-722-1200**

**10:00 A.M. BASIS CHARTER SCHOOL
3434 EAST BROADWAY BOULEVARD
TUCSON, 85716
520-326-6367**

11:30 A.M.

**MONTESSORI SCHOOLHOUSE CHARTER
1301 EAST FT. LOWELL ROAD
TUCSON, 85719
520-319-8668**

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